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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1644**

Docket No.: 28967/5680D
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Marc G. Achen et al.

Application No.: 10/627,631

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Art Unit: 1644

For: Methods For Treating Neoplastic Disease
Characterized By Vascular Endothelial Growth
Factor D Expression, For Screening For
Neoplastic Disease or Metastatic Risk and For
Maintaining Vascularization of Tissue

Examiner: P. N. Huynh

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 31, 2007, finally rejecting claims 9-13, 41 and 45-47. This response is timely filed in view of the petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee submitted herewith.

The present amendment complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1) and (2) in either eliminating issues for appeal or in placing issues in better form for appeal. Accordingly, the Applicants request that the Examiner exercise discretion in favor of entering the present amendment.

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